(b) if so the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of tea

10S. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KID-WAI. Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of different grades °f tea in the country during the year 1985 and the production target for that year;

(b) what was the quantum of tea exported during 1985 and to which countries; and

(c) the quantum of foreign exchange earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) As against a target of 655 Million Kgs. estimates of production of tea during 1985, according to different methods of manufacture are as under:—

	Qty. (M. Kgs.)
C.T.C.	473 51
Orthodox	171·36
Green Tea	12·42
TOTAL	657 29

(b) and (c) Indian tea is exported to a large number of countries all over the world. Major importers of tea from India are USSR, U.K. ARE, West Germany, Iraq and Iran.

Quality and value of tea exported during 1985 is as under:—

Quantity (M. Kgs.)	Value (Crores)
222·4	711·00 (Provisional)

Import of cement

109. SHRI R. SAMBASWA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import 100,000 tonnes cement from Indonesia; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL AND SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A contract has been signed by the S.T.C. import ot cement from Indonesia. The purchase is done at internationally compe prices.

News Item captioned Fill found cheating on wheat supply

110. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned' 'FCI found cheating on wheat supply' which .•a red in the *Indian Express.* New Delhi on the 8th February. 1986;

(b) if so. what are the facts of the case and the outcome of the investiga tion, if any, made into the matter; and

(c) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to to prevent any bad name being earned by the FCI for such under-weighment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL .SUPPLIES (SHRI AJ1T PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 31.1.1986, Weights and ures Department of Delhi Adminis-ion weighhed at random 10 bagg out '0 bags issued by Food Corporation of India at it$_s$ Ghavera depot to Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation for dis-j'ion through fair price shops and found shortages of 24.5 kgs. The ipd Corporation of India is tigatine the matter with a view to fixing rcSDonsibiliy $_{on}$ jt$_s$ employees for their lapse.

The Food Corporation of India has been directed to ensure standardisation of bag* as also 100 per cent weigli-ment of stocks issued.

Functioning of non-banking finance companies

111. SHRi KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a)whether Government are aware of Sanctioning of non-bsnbing finance the country which are head-towards liquidation devouring the s i :ands of small inve ning into crore$_s$ of rupees;

(b) whether it j$_s$ a fact that according to the 1984 amendment to the Reserve India Act, the non-banking fi- companiej were required to reduce sits within a period of two years in accordance with the provisions of the Act; '

(c) whether any machinery was set up Government to monitor the progress in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof and if not what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what step$_s$ Government have taken to safeguard the interests of the small de positor., with the non-banking finance companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THh 'MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRl JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Complaints had been received about effort-being made by unincorporated bodies inducing unsuspecting public to deposit savings with them and subsequently mismanaging these concerns thereby depriving the depositors of their investments. !n the wake of these complaints a need was fell for controlling the deposit acceptance activity of individuals, firms and other un-incorporated bodie$_s$ and therefor Chapter IH-C of the Reserve Bank of India Act was enacted through the Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 1986. The above provisions were brought into force with effect from 15th February, 1984. In terms of the above provisions, individuals, firms Or un-incorporated associations of individuals are prohibited from accepting deposits from more than a specified number of depositors.

(b) Yes, Sir.

fc) and (d) In term$_s$ of the provisions-of Chapter III-C of the Reserve Bank of India Act, concurrent jurisdication has been vested in the Reserve Bank of India State Governments for im plementation of the provisions of Chap ter IH-C of the Act. Reserve Bank of India had already requested all the State Governments to create the necessary hinery in this regard. According to the information available with Reserve Bank *of* India the State Governments of West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Ultn$_r$ Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh and the Union Territory of Delhi have so far taken necessary steps for implementation of the provisions of the Act. The other State Governments|Union Territories have been requested by Reserve Bank of Tndia to take steps for creation of necessary machinery early.

On the basis of the complaint$_s$ it had received and after scrutiny of certain ad-vertisements appearing in the press, Reserve Bank of India, on its own has taken certain steps to apprehend the persons violating the provisions of the Act.